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The British Apollo,

OR,

Curious Amuſements for the INGENIOUS.

To which are added the moſt

Material Occurrences Foreign and Domeſtick.

Perform'd by a Society of GENTLEMEN.

From Wedneſday March 3d. to Friday March 5th. 1708.

The following Queſtions with many more (which ſhall be anſwer'd as ſoon as the Paper admits of Room for them) were lately ſent us.

Q. WHY Jeſus Chriſt *is ſaid to be of the Seed of* David, *and to what purpoſe is the Genealogy of* Joſeph *given, when* Mary *conceiv'd before ſhe came at him?*

A. To the Firſt Queſtion we reply, that *Jeſus Chriſt* is therefore ſaid to be of the Seed of *David*, becauſe born of the *Virgin Mary*, who proceeded from *David* by lineal deſcent.

In anſwer to the Second, we aſſign the following Reaſons of *Joſeph*'s Genealogy, but founded on this neceſſary Preliminary, that St. *Matthew* wrote his Goſpel primarily for the *Jews*, to whom in the Genealogy he has a peculiar regard.

1. The *Jews* look'd upon *Joſeph* as real Father to our Bleſſed Lord. If therefore they had ſuſpected *Joſeph* to have deſcended from any other Line, this would have prejudic'd their Minds againſt the Goſpel-Diſpenſation. St. *Matthew* therefore, to remove this mighty rock of offence, acquainted his Countrymen, that in caſe *Jeſus Chriſt* had been Really the Son of *Joſeph*, he had on that account been of the Family and Lineage of *David*.

2. St. *Matthew*, by tracing *Joſeph*'s Anceſtry, inform'd the *Jews*, that, as *Jeſus Chriſt* was Naturally the Son of *David* by his Mother's, ſo he was Legally ſo by his reputed Father's ſide. And it would be no ſmall Satisfaction to them to behold their *Meſſiah* doubly the Son of *David*, both by Natural and Imputative Deſcent.

3. A Mother's Family was reputed as no Family among the *Jews*; and therefore our *Lord* cou'd be no otherwiſe enroll'd than under *Joſeph*'s Pedigree. Very pertinent was it then to give the *Jews* to know, that in one ſenſe he wou'd appear as the Son of *David* in their publick Regiſters.

4. *Joſeph* and *Mary* were both of the ſame Family: And this cou'd not be unknown to the *Jews*, for whom St. *Matthew* wrote. While therefore he preſented them with *Joſeph*'s Genealogy, at the ſame time he acquainted them with that of *Mary*'s, and he choſe to give them *Joſeph*'s rather than *Mary*'s, when either wou'd ſuffice, in compliance with the receiv'd cuſtom of his Country, which (as is ſaid above) made no account of the Mother's Family.

5. From the Premiſes we may averr, that St. *Matthew* deduc'd *Joſeph*'s Genealogy, with deſign to ſhow that *Jeſus Chriſt* was every way the Son of *David*; that as he came to fulfill all Righteouſneſs, ſo he wou'd evidence every Punctilio of Royal Derivation.

Q. *When a Man upon his Tryal, ſays, He will be try'd by God and his Country, the Clerk ſays* Culprit, *God ſend You a good Deliverance, Pray what is the Signification of* Culprit?

A. The *Athenians* have given ſome account of this, *Vol. III. p.* 4. But our Society are of Opinion, That when the Perſon pleaded not Guilty, and put himſelf upon God and his Country, for a Tryal, The Clerk pronounc'd theſe Words, *Qu'il le paroit*, Let it appear ſo, *i. e.* Let it appear to God and your Country That You are not Guilty of the Crime You ſtand charg'd with; ſo that *Culprit* appears to be a Corruption of, *Qu'il le paroit.*

Q. *Your Opinion is deſir'd concerning the Moon, as to it's material Subſtance, as to it's bigneſs in compariſon with the Earth, and whether it be true, that therein may be ſeen the reſemblance of a Face.*

A. The Material Subſtance of the Moon is of a more rarified Contexture than the Earth, and is leſs by about 45 Proportions. As for the reſemblance of a Face, we conceive it to be either the effect of Imagination from the inequality of light diſcernible in her, or an Error occaſion'd from an Aſtronomical Term, ſince the different appearances of the Moon are expreſs'd by Phaſes; which, tho' it differs from Faces in Orthography, yet not in Sound. Thus, Sir, we have deliver'd our Opinion of your Queries, tho ſome may think, that the Learned know no more of theſe things than the Man in the Moon.

Q. *Whether a Perſon that has compounded with his Creditors, is not ſo ſtrongly Concluded by the above Rule, as to be Incapable of Performing any Act of Charity acceptable to God, before He has fully diſcharg'd the Debts he compounded?*

A. That Acts of Charity may be acceptable to God, They ought to be done with all the ſimplicity and ſincerity of heart imaginable, out of a juſt ſenſe of the Duty We owe, and the Dependance We have upon Him, and not from our being ſtruck with the Miſery of an Object.

In the next place, what is ſo given, ought to be ſtrictly our Own, which a Perſon that has Compounded with his Creditors ought not to think, till he has ſatisfied all their juſt demands upon him; ſo that to make his Charity acceptable to God, He muſt come up to thoſe Rules. For tho' His Creditors may

give him a Legal Discharge for his Composition, He can never be discharg'd in Conscience, till He has paid the last Farthing. But Divines allow a liberty in small Acts of Charity, which can be no damage to Creditors, and where we may presume upon reasonable Men.

Q. *Why Turpentine when taken inwardly causes the Urine to have a sweet scent like Violets?*

A. Turpentine is endued with a great quantity of Pure Sulphur, which being very Volatile, does penetrate the Mass of Blood, and mixeth it-self with the Serum, so that when Urine is excreted, the Sulphureous Particles are discharged, and yield a grateful smell.

Q. *Your Opinion is desired, Whether or no it is Lawful for a Person to ware a Wigg?*

A. It is not only Lawful, but also necessary for the Querist, to Cherish his Brains.

Q. *You are desired in your next Paper to tell, what Mark it was that God put upon* Cain, *and likewise, what Wife it was that* Cain *took in the Land of* Nod, *we hearing of no Family at that Time but* Adam *and* Eve *and his two Sons?*

A. Some think, that he branded his Forehead with a Letter of his Name. Others, that he arm'd him with such a gastly look, that every one endeavour'd to avoid him. But these can be but meer Conjectures, since the Case will admit of nothing further than a guess. It shou'd therefore be our Business rather to avoid the Reason of the Mark than curiously to enquire into the Nature of it.

Who was *Cain's* Wife, see *Athenian Oracle, Vol.* III. *Page* 489.

POEMS.

Q. YE Apollonian-Sons *of Brightest Wit,*
Who to unriddle Natures Secrets sit;
I—a poor Maid—unknowing what to do,
For speedy succour hither fly to you.
A Charming Youth I passionately love,
Whom neither Sighs nor Tears, nor Pray'rs can move,
Daily I languish, and my pains encrease,
And nothing can I find to give me ease:
Then Sirs perform your Promise to the Fair,
And by your kind advice, protect me from despair.

A. Ah—poor—fond Maid impending Ruin shun
What Numbers of your Sex, are thus undone!
You guide the wounds of LOVE, and then complain
That Tears, and Sighs, and PASSION, plead in vain!
You curse the pains, and rage to feel the smart,
Yet hug the subtil Poyson to your heart,
Would you be happy, study to remove
Your flames, from one who slights your proffer'd (LOVE,
You'l then, with Ease, your peace of Mind regain,
Unless just Heav'n decrees a longer Pain,
For—oh!—I fear—yet wish my thoughts untrue,
You've us'd some MAN before, as he now uses YOU.

Q. *Oh tell a Culinary Fair one Why,*
From Back of Cat as black as Charcole,
Smartly cull'd with hand in Dark Hole
Such fiery Sparcles fly?

May I never more be kiss'd by Man
If this ben't fact——your Servant
ANNE.

A. An Oyly Substance nourisheth the Hair,
Which sulph'rous Particles contains,
By Friction rais'd with little Pains;
If this ben't truth, I'll sware
Ne'er *Kitching-wench* again to Follow,
Yours *Nancy*,
Scullion to *Apollo*.

On a certain Lady *continually looking out at her* Chamber-Window.

THE Lark, no sooner tends her flight,
To greet with Songs the New born light,
No sooner *Progne's* in her chat,
But *Chloe's* in her airy Seat;
And there retains her dear abode.
Till Night informs the drowzy God.
Tell us Bright Guardian of the Day,
The Cause of this abstruse Delay?
Dost thou employ thy *Cupids* here
To wound the Unweary Passenger?
Does Contemplation fix thy Mind
Too great on Earth to be confin'd?
Or does my Philosophick Fair
Camelion like subsist on Air?
Or dost thou search how Stars dispense
On Man their wondrous Influence?
Or wouldst with Phaetonick Pride,
Within the Solar Chariot Ride?
Or (grant thy Fancy's not so high)
Dost think with *Icarus* to fly?
If so, thy Project render sure,
And Finns as well as Wings procure.

On Hope.

Hope is a Friendly Passion of the Mind,
Which to the Miserable still is kind:
It smooths the Lovers brow, it calms his breast,
And in soft Whispers, tell him he is blest;
What could relieve the Pangs of deep dispair,
Support Defeated Bliss, or make us bear
The Tyranny, and frowns of an Insulting Fair,
But strength of *Hope*? That bids the Lover live,
And in the midst of Pain, do's still some Pleasure (give.

On sight of Hortensia's *Picture.*

WHat Charming Goddess bears that Awful (Mien,
Juno, or *Pallas*, or the *Cyprian* Queen?
It shou'd be *Juno* by her heavenly Air,
And yet like *Pallas*, is her Look severe.

But

Bar[illegible] Eyes may a Decision prove,
Their killing Glances speak her *Queen* of *Love*.

The LOVERS *degrees of Comparison.*

HAppy the Man, who sees *Celinda*'s Eyes,
More happy he who for her Beauty sighs.
But that successful Man, Most Happy is,
Who sighs for her sake, while she sighs for HIS.

We receiv'd the following Compliment (for which we return the Gentleman our thanks) upon the great Satisfaction he is pleased to Acknowledge we gave him on our resolving his Question *relating to the* Small-Pox. *Dated from* Joe's Coffee-House *in* Hatton-Garden.

YOur Undertaking I admire,
P——y may when he please retire;
No longer him, but you we'll follow,
Under the Leading God *Apollo*,
Who does resolve each weighty doubt,
When we can find no reason out.
In your Design &c. Learning live,
And Ingenuity always thrive,
So shall your Fame, when you are gone survive.

Sic Vaticinatur & Precatur, J. T.

Foreign News, &c.

ROme Feb. 18. The Countess of Thaun arriv'd here on Sunday last, and set out the next Day for Naples. The Viceroy of that Kingdom being inform'd, That this Court had resolv'd to send thither Monsieur Aldobrandin without being Nunciated, or having a Brief for Nuncio, His Excellency has acquainted the Regency of Rome, that the same wou'd not be accepted of, and that He had Orders, since this Court did not think fit to acknowledge King Charles the Third, not to receive any Nuncio. But if this appears to be true, no Question but the Thunder from the Vatican will allarm the City of Naples, and endeavour to intimidate the Viceroy. 'Tis said also that the Philipin Ambassador, has sent a Courrier to the French Court, relating to the Affairs of Sicily, the Viceroy of which Kingdom expecting great Sums of Money from thence, to preserve the same in Obedience to King Philip.

Milan, Feb. 22. We are yet uncertain how the next Campain will begin, tho' at the same time we are assur'd, a great Number of Troops will be sent from hence to Catalonia. General Staremberg, after having confer'd with the Duke of Savoy on the Operations of the next Campain, will set out from hence with a considerable Detachment for Catalonia.

Madrid Feb. 28. The Duke of Berwick intends to set out from Lerida, for Saragossa, as soon as He has visited the Frontiers of Catalonia, whither a great Quantity of Forage, Meal, and other Provisions for Horse and Foot are daily sent to fill the Magazines.

Naples, Feb. 11. A Tumult lately happen'd there, occasion'd by the want of Bread. But the arrival of Meal, and the sudden appearance of some Troops gave the Mob such satisfaction, That all Misunderstandings immediately ceas'd.

Hague March 8. The French taking an Advantage of the Scarcity of Provisions in that Kingdom, have order'd a Squadron of Men of War with Troops on board, to prevent not only that Island from falling into the Hands of the Allies, but also to hinder any Corn from being transported from thence to Naples: But on the other hand the Allies have a strong Squadron thereabouts on purpose to observe them, and to endeavour either to land there, or give the French a Fair Meeting, and if the latter happens, 'tis probable there will be a smart Engagement.

Our Letters from Venice, of the 25 past, say, that the Prussians are Marching from the Parmetan thro' the Milaneze, for Neufchatel: That there remains in the State only 6000 Imperialists. And that the Popes Troops are to quit Parma and Piacenza, and to March to Ferrara.

Letters from Vienna of the 25, say, that the Hungarian Malecontents continue to commit great Disorders about Stoel, W[illegible]nburg, Offen, and other Places. And that [illegible] appears now and then with Strong Partys [illegible]itha.

They Write fro[illegible]am, that the Jews give out they have rec[illegible]vice, that there has been a Battle between t[illegible]ds and Muscovites, in which the Former [illegible] 20000 Men Killed, or Taken, but his Excellency the Swedish Ambassadeur having no Notice hereof, and it coming from the Jews, whose Intelligence is not always to be depended upon, it meets with no Credit. Especially since more Authentick Letters tell us, that the King of Sweeden had put to the Muscovites to clottey, that he has Chased them quite out of Lethuania, and had made 6000 of them Prisoners of War.

London, March 5th. The Preparations at Dunkirk, and Her Majestys watchful Eye to prevent the Dangerous Consequences of that Expedition, are so well known, that it would be Superfluous in us to mention them. But we must take Notice of an Argument that has been in great Reputation with some People, which is, that the French had no Design to Invade England, or Scotland, but only to divert us from sending our necessary succours to Spain, in order to this, it was conceived by these Nice Politicians, that We should be oblig'd to send a Squadron of Men of War, before Dunkirk, that then our Convoy to Portugal wou'd be weaken'd, our Designs Broke, or if they should attempt to Sail in that Condition, that then the Brest Squadron wou'd be able to give a good Account of them. But to their Great Mortification, none of these things have happen'd. On the Contrary, 'tis not doubted but our Fleet is Sail'd to Portugal. And that the Brest Squadron is well enough pleas'd with its Present Security; And it is to be hop'd his Pretended Highness may be glad of the same Convenience to carry him from Dunkirk, as brought him to it.

'Tis said, Sir. George Bing design'd to make an attempt upon 27 Sail of Ships that he saw lying in the Flemish Road near Dunkirk.

Whereas a great Number of Questions come to us daily beyond what the Paper will each time contain, with their Solutions; For the Satisfaction of all Persons, we design once a Month, to fill an Entire Sheet only with Questions and Answers, in which all who find not their Questions in the other Papers, will meet with them, if worthy of Solution:

on: This being a Supernumerary Paper, we ſhall not oblige any to take it, but ſuch as think fit thereof: The want of ſuch a Paper was the Reaſon that ſo many were Diſſatisfied that they found not their Queſtions Anſwered by the *Athenian Oracle*.

All Perſons are deſir'd to ſend their Letters, whether with Queſtions or Subſciptions for the Paper, either to Mr. *W. Kehle* in *Weſtminſter Hall*, Mr. *Tho. Bickerton*, at the *Golden Flower-de-Luce*, in St. *Paul's Church-yard*, or to the Printers whoſe Name you will find at the End of the Paper, and to Superſcribe them for the *Britiſh Apollo*. At which Places alſo Advertiſements are Taken in at half a Crown each, if of moderate length (thoſe from Quacks excepted) they may alſo be deliver'd to the Men, in their Walks.

SHIPS Arrived at, and Departed from ſeveral Ports of *England*, as we have Account of them in *London*: from *February* 14. to *March* 2. 1707.

Falmouth.

Febru. 22. Sail'd, Union Gally. Maiſmore, from Venice. Prince Pacquet-Boat for Lisbon.

Plimouth.

Return'd, Mary-Gally. Edward and Mary. Globe-Gally. Speedwell. From Virginia, for London.
Churchill Gally. From Canary.
St. Anthony di Padua. From Zant.
Three Ships from Ireland, for Rotterdam.
A Dutch Prize and 5 or 6 Coaſters from Torbay.
Sail'd 200 Merchant-Ships for Virginia, Canary, Guiny, Eaſt-India and Portugal, to joyn Sir John Leak off the Harbour.
24th. Arriv'd, St Jeronoma, Jaſper Jacobs, St. Anna, Martin Mire. From Hambro, for Lisbon.
Unity, Peter Junonius, from Stockholm, for Lisbon.
Sturdy-Frigate, Robert Sturdy, for Canary.
Union-Gally, Maiſmore, laſt from Falmouth.
Two-Friends, George Faireton, for Lisbon.
Klarlken, Peter Derixon, from Stockholm, for Canary.
15th. Sail'd, Union Gally for Venice.
Fortune, John Vanweſtofer, for Nantz.

Dartmouth.

19. Arriv'd, Cornwall-Gally, Pigram-Gally, Raine-Gally. From Gibralter.
Viana-Merchant. From Viana.
21. Sail'd, The Fleet under Sir John Leake to Weſtward.
24. Houblon Gally, Jamſon, for Lisbon
Staff, Matthias Cornelius, from Burdeux, for Zurickſea.

Portſmouth.

24. Return'd Sir John Leake with the Fleet under his Command.
Sail'd 2 Dutch Ships, 1 for Guiny, 2 for Lisbon, bound home.

Harwich.

23. Arriv'd, Marlborough-Pacquet-Boat, from Holland.
Return'd Prince Pacquet-Boat, the Wind proving contrary.
25. Sail'd, Prince Pacquet-Boat. with one Mail, for Holland.
26. Arriv'd, Dolphin Pacquet-Boat, from Holland.

At Deale.

15. Providence, Markin, for Virginia
Thomas and Magget, for Guiny
Happy Return Taplam, for Jamaica.
Elizabeth, Providence, Store Ships.
Sail'd the two Latter for Dover-Peir.
Tuſcany-Gally Smith, from Legorn.
26. Arriv'd, High-Tree, Cornelius Rob, from Lisbon, Caſtle of St. Jago, Rich. Highrope, from Guiny for Amſtr.
Noſtra Senora Lepader, Peter Walpader, from Bilboa.

Arriv'd at Gravesend.

24. Hannover-Gally. Baily, from Mavors.
27. Tuſcany-Gally, Smith, from Legorn.
St. Peter, Anthony Cook. from Gottenbrg.
Noſtra Senora dela Pichad, Pedro de Rol Pardo, from Biboa.
St. Jago. St. Franciſco, Joſeph Dies, from Galitia.

Arriv'd at the Poſt-Office, London.

At Six in the Morning 1 Mail, from Holland.
28. At Two 2 from Ireland.
At Nine in the Evening, 1 Mail, from Flanders.
March 1. At Three in the Morning, 1 Mail, from Holland.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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